


REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5,7, 8,16, 17 have been amended. Claims 12, 13,14 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis
Corporate Intellectual Property
One Health Plaza, Building 104
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080
(862) 778-7831



Gregory D. Ferraro
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 36,134

Date:

6/7/05